

Insights into air quality from large-scale tailpipe emissions measurement of passenger cars

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Agenda



- Background and credentials
- Intensive PEMS testing in practice
- Performance tracking database
- Insights on NO_x
- Fuel economy context
- Comparison to Real Driving Emissions legislation
- Future trends and issues

Emissions Analytics' credentials



- Founded in 2011
- Headquartered in Winchester, with operations in London and Los Angeles
- 10 employees, currently expanding in EU
- Specialist in PEMS testing and data analysis
- Almost 1000 vehicles tested
- RDE-compatible testing conducted since 2011
- Expert in cycle design and testing strategies to meet multiple and complex objectives
- Works with OEMs, Tier 1 suppliers, fuel and chemical companies, regulators, consultancies, consumer media

Benefits of PEMS



- Real on-road testing using PEMS is a powerful research method
- Authentic and cost effective
- Works on all vehicle types
- No permanent vehicle modification required
- Flexible location
- High rate of data acquisition 1 Hertz
- Precision approaching laboratory levels



Equipment (1)



- SEMTECH-DS and Ecostar-FEM
- Portable Emissions Measurement System connects to tailpipe
 - Captures emissions for CO₂, CO, NO,
 NO₂, total hydrocarbons
 - At 1 Hertz
- Air temperature, pressure, humidity
- GPS for speed and altitude
- Engine data via CANBUS
- Fuel economy derived via carbon balance
- Ecostar weighs approximately 50kg including auxiliary batteries



Equipment (2)



- Pegasor Mi2
- Real-time tailpipe concentrations
- No filter papers
- Particle mass and number
- Sub-23nm particles
- Flexible, economic, real-world data collection
- Challenges around calibration and repeatability





INTENSIVE PEMS TESTING

Objectives



- On-going, real-time performance monitoring programme
- Air quality, greenhouse gases, fuel economy
- Independent
- Authentic: production vehicles, public highway
- Create feedback loop into better engineering, regulation and purchase decisions
- To ensure beneficial outcomes are achieved

Activity



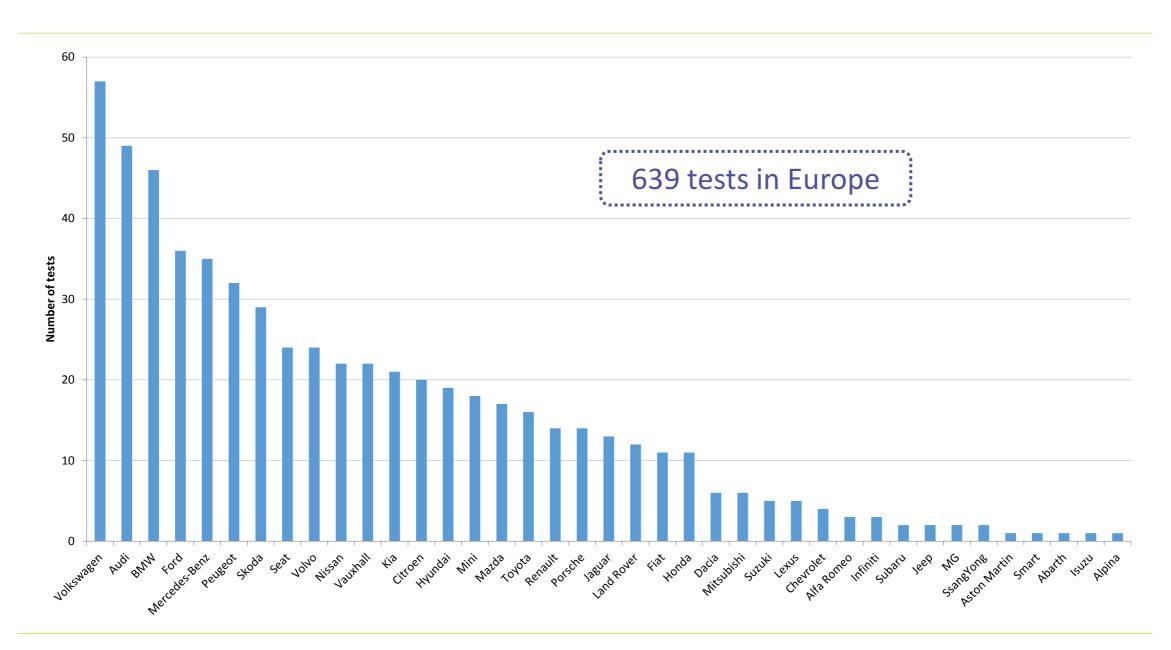
- 200-250 passenger cars tested per year in EU
 - Similar in US
- Testing primarily in London, but flexible location
- New, commercially available vehicles
- Typically 2,000km+ on odometer
- Fixed weight addition
- Proprietary route based on typical driving
- 2.5-3 hour test
- New programme for light commercial underway



PERFORMANCE TRACKING DATABASE

By manufacturer





Engine, powertrain, Euro stage

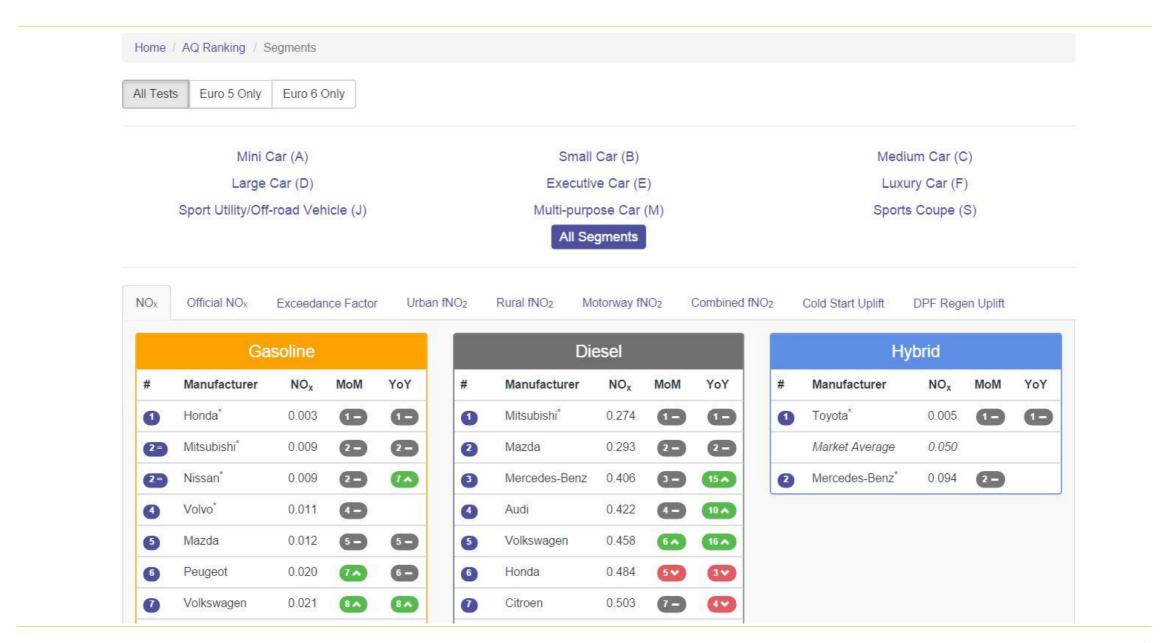


Model Year	Diesel	Petrol	Total	Engine size (litres)	Diesel	Petrol	Total
2011	17	13	30	0-1	0	8	8
2012	105	71	176	1-2	136	172	308
2013	103	73	176	2-3	189	50	239
2014	113	84	197	3-4	46	20	66
2015	39	21	60	4-5	4	9	13
Total	377	262	639	5+	0	5	5
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Euro Stage	Diesel	Petrol	Total
Euro 5	311	217	528
Euro 6	66	45	111
Total	377	262	639

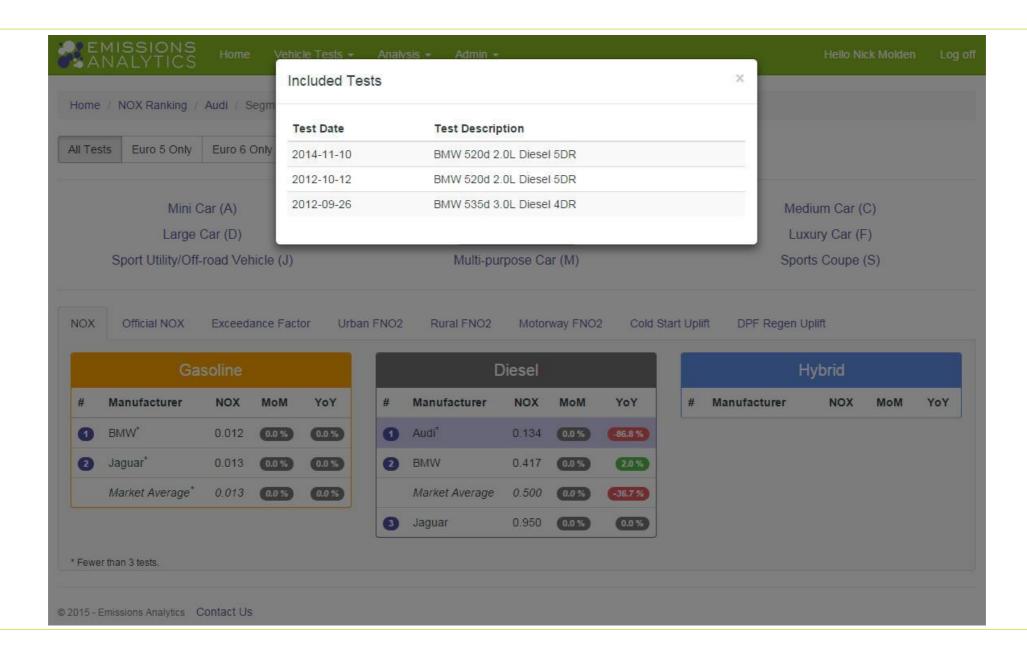
Real-time benchmarking





Drill-down to individual datasets



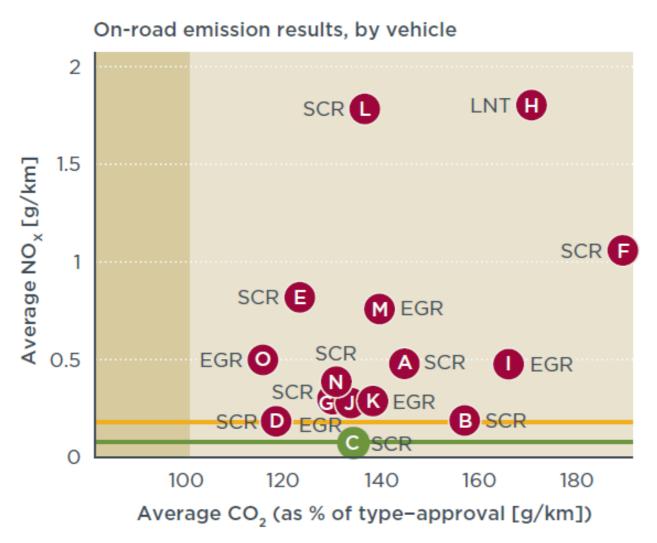




INSIGHTS ON NO_x

ICCT report







15 test vehicles in total (6 manufacturers), with different NO_x control technologies:

- 10 selective catalytic reduction (SCR)
- 4 exhaust gas recirculation (EGR)
- 1 lean NO_x trap (LNT)

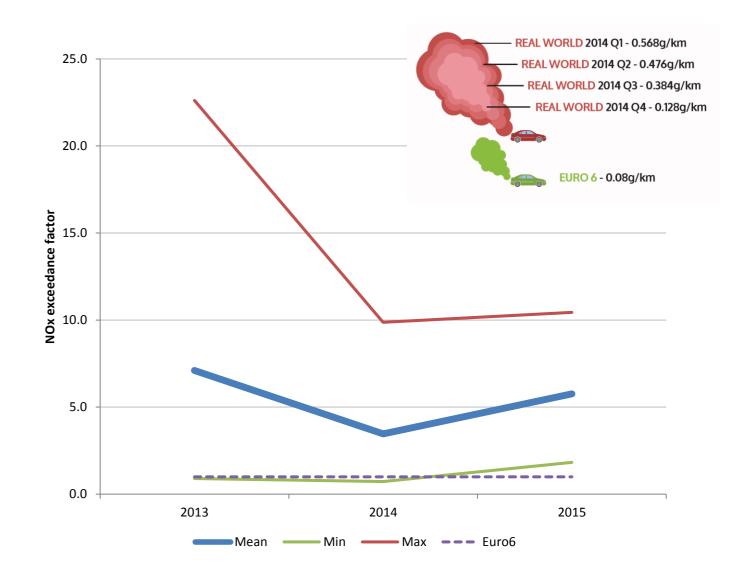
Average Euro 6 NO_x conformity factors (ratio of on-road emissions to legal limits):

- all cars: 7.1
- best performer (Vehicle C, SCR): 1.0
- bad performer (Vehicle H, LNT): 24.3
- worst performer (Vehicle L, SCR): 25.4

Euro 6 latest trends



- Early Euro 6 passenger cars exceeded regulatory levels by 7.1 times – ICCT
- Early evidence of gap closing, especially towards end of 2014
- Further analysis required
- Best performers meet standard
- SCR dominant solution
- Spread reducing, but still wide



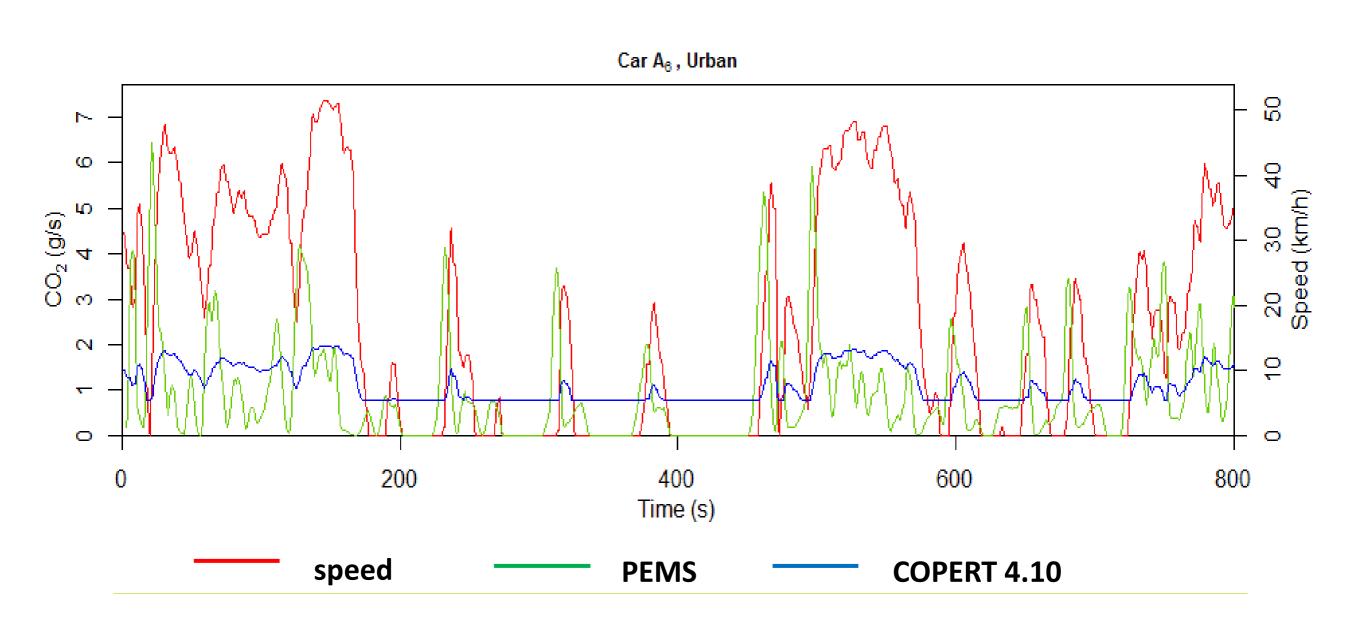
COPERT study



- Joint project with Imperial College London
- February 2015
- 5 Euro 5/6 passenger cars
- Detailed comparison with COPERT v4.10 and v4.11 models
- To assess effectiveness for policy and planning
- Euro 5 to Euro 6 performance compared to regulated levels
- Analysis of fraction of NO_x and NO₂

CO₂ comparison

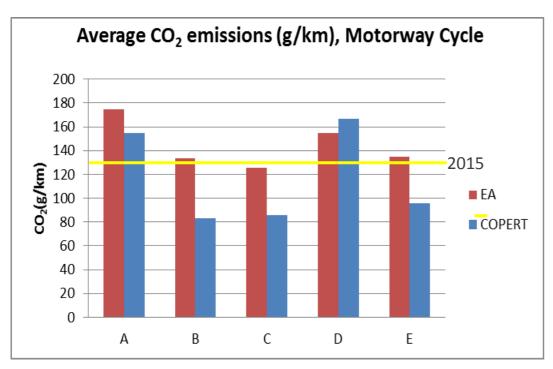


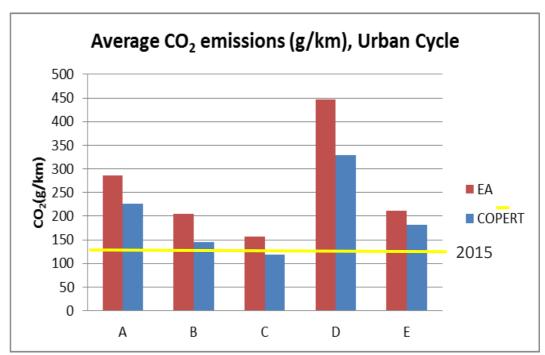


COPERT results – CO₂



- Only one vehicle met the 2015 limit (130g/km) on one cycle
- Some improvement suggested from Euro 5 to 6 in urban driving
- COPERT has tendency to underestimate CO₂



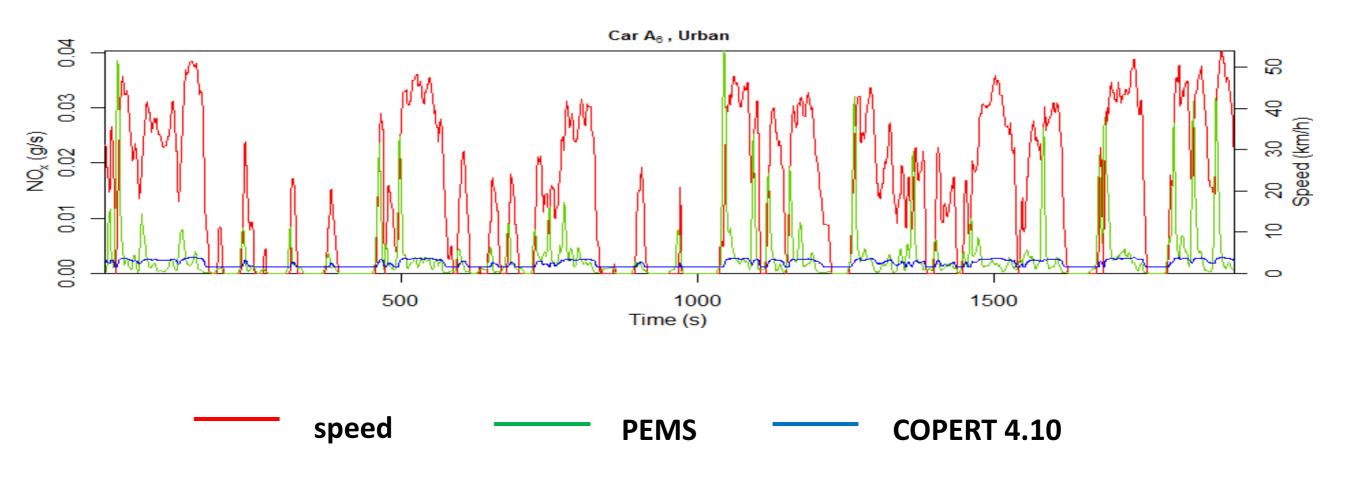


Euro 6: A, B, C

Euro 5: D, E

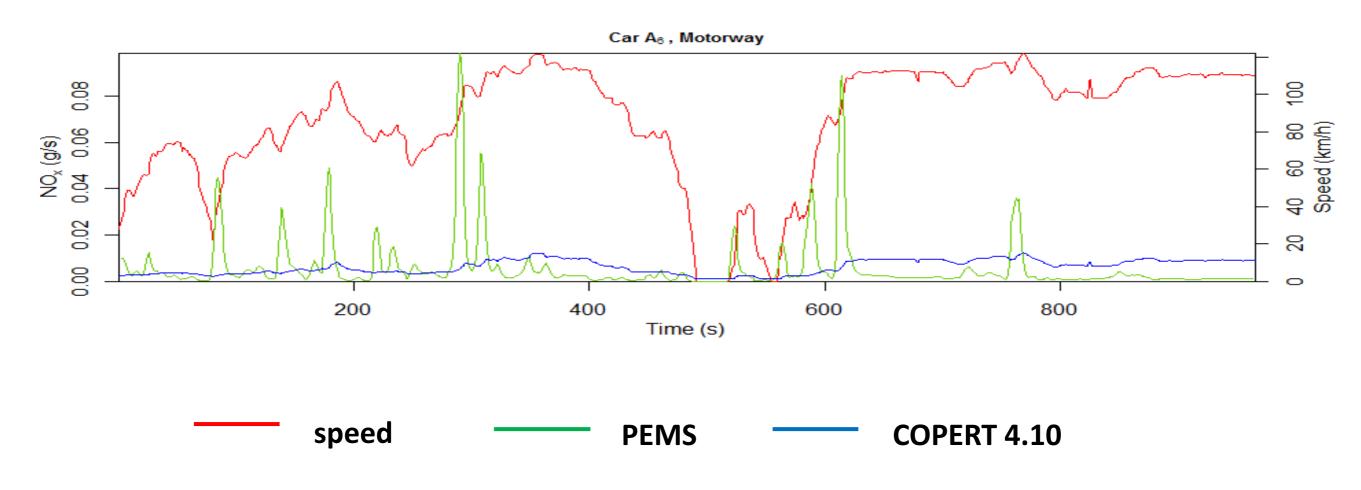
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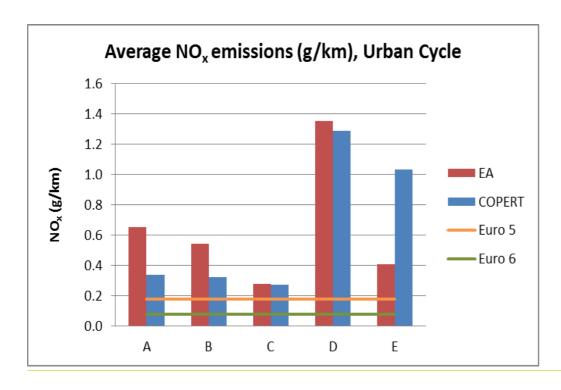


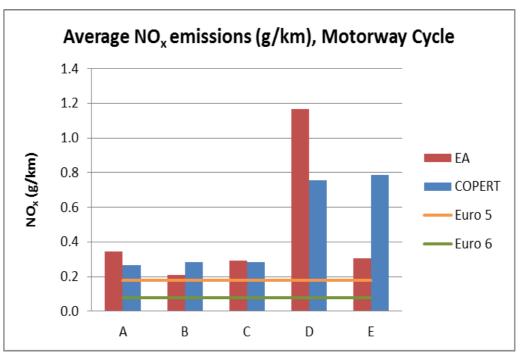


COPERT results – NO_x



- COPERT better on average, but lacks resolution for road and model type
- Euro 6 significantly lower on average than Euro 5
- High inter-vehicle NO_x variability
- All vehicles above regulated level in both urban and extra-urban





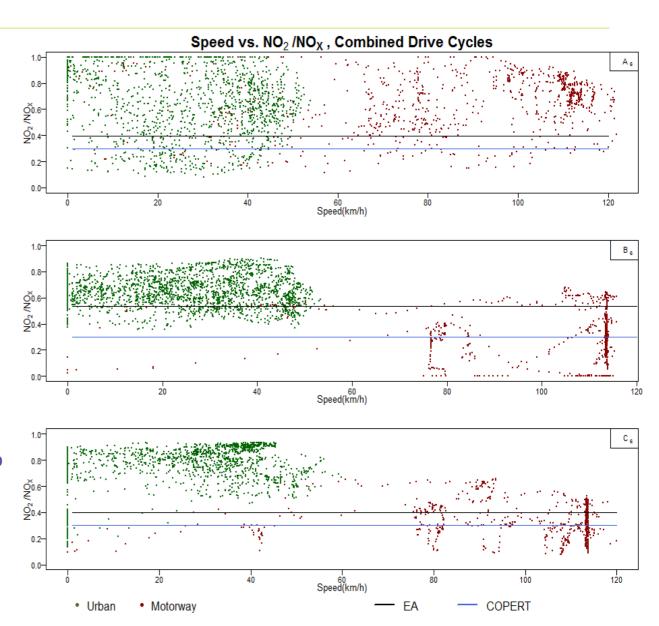
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COPERT results – NO₂



- No consistent relationship between fNO₂ ratio and speed
- Variance between different models
- COPERT consistently underestimates primary NO₂ emissions in urban areas where public exposure is greatest
- Implies high primary fraction of NO₂
 in urban areas, up to ~90%
- COPERT v4.11 assumes a ratio of 30% for Euro 6 diesel cars
- Danger of meeting NO_x target but not solving air quality problem



NO_x headline statistics



- From Emissions Analytics' database, at OEM level
- Over 350 tests

	Diesel Euro 5	Diesel Euro 6	Gasoline Euro 5/6
Real-world NOx (g/km)	0.718	0.405	0.049
Average Conformity Factor	4.0	5.1	0.8
fNOx – minimum	27	17	0
fNOx – mean	44	48	24
fNOx – maximum	71	80	72



COMPARISON TO RDE

Comparison with RDE



- Many similarities, some differences
 - RDE before RDE...
 - RDE-compatible
- Test ~50% longer in time
 - Economies of scale
- Town/rural/motorway defined by continuous route-segments
- Range of driving modes tested, but avoiding extended conditions
- Prescribed weight addition
- Separation of cold start and DPF regeneration
- Controlled use of air conditioning, no other auxiliary systems
- Maximum speed 110km/h

Future trends and issues



- Optimisation of dosing strategies
- Limitations of some deNO_x systems
- Inclusion of cold start are more extreme ("extended") driving important
- Switch back to petrol to lower NO_x, but growing fuel economy and CO₂ penalty?
- Together with fuel economy and other technologies such as GDI some 3 times over limit – need for mitigation
- In-use compliance will be critical
- Emissions Analytics are expanding tracking programme of fuel economy and NO_x , to measure progress and trade-offs



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